

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
December 30, 2002**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Commissioner Search Committee of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing faxed on December 20, 2002, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this December 30, 2002 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. William S. Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Mr. Roy Klumb, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., and Mr. Scott Ross. Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., and Ms. Amy Whitten were absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bill Crawford, Chairperson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Mr. Colbert, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Mr. Colbert, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reason later reported by the Chairperson in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of the Commissioner search process.

On motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Mr. Colbert, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

On motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Ross, with Mr. Colbert, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee voted to recommend to the Board at the January 16, 2003 Board meeting, pending the acceptance of the nomination and consultation with the Institutional Executive Officers and appropriate officials, that Dr. David Potter, President of Delta State University, be offered the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Mr. Colbert, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee voted to adjourn.

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning